

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The following applicant has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge treated wastewater into waters of the State of South Carolina. The NPDES permit contains effluent limitations on the amounts of pollutants allowed to be discharged, based upon preliminary staff review and application of the Federal Clean Water Act, the SC Pollution Control Act, and other lawful standards and appropriate regulations. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions are tentative and open to comment from the public.

APPLICANT: SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS, FACILITY NAME: SCE&G/URQUHART STEAM STATION (AIKEN COUNTY/AIKEN EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0000574, 220 OPERATION WAY MC C221, CAYCE, SC 29033-3701. The facility is located at 100 Urquhart Drive, off of SC Highway 28, Beech Island, South Carolina, Aiken County. The facility has 2 discharge points: 001-once through cooling water, uncontaminated groundwater and stormwater, discharging to: Savannah River; 002-low volume wastes, uncontaminated groundwater and stormwater, discharging to: Savannah River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4911. The receiving stream is classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. A fact sheet is available. Groundwater will be monitored at 13 monitoring wells. This Permit when issued will supersede an existing permit which expired on September 30, 2008. This facility no longer burns coal and has removed the coal ash from the wastewater treatment units; however, the wastewater treatment units have not yet undergone closure. This permit includes requirements for 316(b) Cooling Water Intake Structures.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to permit issuance or to the proposed permit limitations and conditions are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Randall Thompson; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4314. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peebles Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.